READERS DOUBT WARREN

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Last Sunday, The Herald-Examiner presented a portion of the debate that surrounds the Kennedy assassination, and asked readers what their opinions were. This week, we present the results of that poll.

Nearly 83 per cent of the readers who responded to The Herald-Examiner's poll on the assassination of John F. Kennedy want the investigation of that tragic event reopened—or a new one begun.

Three years after the assassination, and more than two years after Chief Justice Earl Warren gave his report to President Johnson, a growing number of Americans appear to have doubts about the report.

Of the close to 1000 persons who responded to The Herald-Examiner's questionnaire, 83 per cent said they felt the investigation should be reopened. Some believed there was evidence overlooked by the Warren Commission; others felt that a new investigation would clear the commission and settle the rising doubt of who killed Kennedy.

Some 68 per cent of the respondents said they believed the murder was part of a conspiracy. Many were quick to point out that "conspiracy" could mean only two persons involved, while others spoke in larger terms of Communist, right-wing, or government plots.

Sixty-five per cent of the respondents claimed to have read all or parts (or summaries) of the Warren report. Of this group, 212, or more than 59 per cent felt there had been a conspiracy, despite the Warren Commission's explicit findings to the contrary.

More persons have read the commission's critics—77 per cent—than have read the official report. Of these, the majority cited Mark Lane, attor-

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ney and author of "Rush to Judgment," who was interviewed in these pages last week.

The replies came from all over Southern California, and at least one came from a group that listed a Dallas address.

Several writers enclosed letters, some carefully detailing plots and implicating prominent persons without presenting proof of their assertions. Others offered carefully reasoned arguments based on what the writers felt were flaws in the Warren Commission's findings.

But the concensus of the letters was that the investigation should be reopened, and that "documents, photographs, and X-rays" hitherto unseen by the public should be published.

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